

[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Have Government made enquiries with regard to the first part of the question, *viz.*, that most of the nightsoil carts used in Trivandrum are old and unserviceable?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have made enquiries.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): It is stated that no nightsoil cart is covered with gunny bags. From whom did Government get that information?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The President of the Municipality has informed the Government that those carts are not covered with gunny bags.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries in the matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If the member will make himself responsible for that statement, Government will make the necessary enquiries in the matter.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Yes, I will be responsible for that statement.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will then enquire.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction in the town of Trivandrum in regard to the way in which nightsoil is removed?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries in the matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is the Municipality which is in charge of the work. Government are not aware that there is any dissatisfaction.

Interpellations.

194. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:

(a) the total number of questions sent up by the members at each session since the constitution of the new Council;

(b) the total number disallowed;

(c) the total number answered; and

(d) the total number to be answered?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement *containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

*Vide Appendix I—page 689.

Adirapalli Irrigation Scheme.

195. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage the Adirapalli Irrigation Scheme stands at present; and

(b) whether they have any intention of starting the scheme in the near future?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The project is held up on account of certain objections raised by the Cochin Government.

(b) No definite reply can be given now.

Special Officer for Huzur Records.

196. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they contemplate getting down a pensioned officer of the Madras Government to formulate proposals for the preservation and destruction of the Secretariat records on a salary of Rs. 500 or so per mensem?

(b) Are they contemplating to get down this officer on account of the fact that the present officer who is in charge of the records is incompetent to set matters right, and, if so, how it is that he is retained there?

(c) If an officer is necessary to set matters right, cannot the Government find a competent man from many of the young and highly qualified and competent hands now in the Secretariat who may, if necessary, be deputed to Madras to acquaint himself with the latest system of file-keeping, preservation of records, etc., as was done during the previous administration?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a), (b) and (c) The member is referred to the speech of the Chief Secretary to Government in the Council at its meeting on the 16th January, 1924, when moving for a supplementary grant under Demand No. VII.

Officer in Charge of the Account Section.

197. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it a fact that the officer in charge of the Account and Records Sections makes his own recommendations in the selection of hands in the Secretariat and signs communications to subordinate officers in the name of the Chief Secretary to Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and to the second part, in the affirmative.

Temperance Meeting at Sankhumukham.

198. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the speeches made and the resolutions passed at the Temperance Conference held at

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Have the Government made enquiries as to whether the committee is working and when the report will be submitted?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is too early to make an enquiry. When the answer to this question was being prepared it was said that the committee met once. Subsequently another meeting has also been held.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): On the 15th January

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 194.

Statistics re Interpellations:

Session.	No. sent up by members.	No. disallowed.	No. answered.	Left unanswered.
Karkatakam, 1097 ...	90	11	73	6. These have lapsed.
Vrischikam and Minam, 1098 ...	482	31. Of these, 2 were disallowed as having been already answered.	322	129 Do.
Karkatakam, 1098 ...	302	7.	226	69 Do.
Tulam, 1099 ...	145	19. Of these, 4 were disallowed as having been already answered.	104	22 Do.

Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 200.

Statement showing the number of days on which the District Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents attended courts in 1098.

	Magistrates' Courts.	Sessions Courts.
District Superintendent, Trivandrum ...	...	4
Assistant Superintendent, Do. ...	...	11
Do. Nagercoil ...	...	3
District Superintendent, Quilon ...	...	5
Assistant Superintendent, Do. ...	4	8
Do. Chengannur ...	1	6
District Superintendent, Kottayam ...	...	1
Assistant Superintendent, Do. ...	21	5
Do. Perumpavur ...	...	10